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An Act To Increase the Fines for Littering

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §2264-A, as amended by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. I, §§34-37 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is further amended to read:

§ 2264-A. Penalties

Unless otherwise indicated, a person who disposes of litter in violation of this chapter commits a civil violation for which the following forfeitures apply.

1. Disposal of 15 pounds or less or 27 cubic feet or less of litter. A person who disposes of 15 pounds or less or 27 cubic feet or less of litter commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than ~~\$100~~\$200 and not more than ~~\$500~~\$600 may be adjudged.

1-A. Disposal of 15 pounds or less or 27 cubic feet or less of litter; subsequent offenses. A person who violates subsection 1 after having previously violated subsection 1 commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than ~~\$200~~\$300 and not more than ~~\$500~~\$600 may be adjudged.

2. Disposal of more than 15 pounds or more than 27 cubic feet of litter. A person who disposes of more than 15 pounds or more than 27 cubic feet of litter commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than ~~\$200~~\$300 and not more than ~~\$500~~\$600 may be adjudged.

2-A. Disposal of more than 15 pounds or more than 27 cubic feet of litter; subsequent offenses. A person who violates subsection 2 after having previously violated subsection 2 commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than ~~\$500~~\$600 and not more than ~~\$1,000~~\$1,500 may be adjudged.

3. Disposal of more than 500 pounds or more than 100 cubic feet of litter for a commercial purpose. A person who disposes of more than 500 pounds or more than 100 cubic feet of litter for a commercial purpose is subject to the penalties under Title 38, section 349.

SUMMARY

This bill increases the fines for littering.